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EDITORIAL

The first of our two-issue term as JRD editor begins with this issue. Because this is an occasion for some changes in JRD's editorial team, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the contributions of those who are concluding their editorial service and to briefly comment on the new editorial directions that the ADARA organization and the JRD are implementing.

Glenn Lloyd served as editor for about nineteen of the twenty years that ADARA has published the JRD. From the lean, early years to the present time of a more substantial readership, Glenn's editorial leadership nourished the growth of the field of deafness rehabilitation through the publication of a quality professional journal, the JRD. In recognition of his significant contributions to the organization and its JOURNAL, the ADARA Executive Board has given Glenn a Lifetime Membership and asked him to serve as Editor Emeritus for JRD.

Editorial board members constitute the unsung heroes who ensure the success of any journal. We would like to thank publicly all those JRD Editorial Board Members who have given years of service to the readership of JRD through their review and editing of manuscripts: Jerome Alpin, James Collins, Robert Davila, Roger Falberg, Glenn Mathews, Donald Moores, John Rainer, Robert Rittenhouse, Robert Sanderson, Richard Walker, Douglas Watson, and Frank Ziezula (Book Reviews Editor).

The current editorial team is comprised of the members of a Standing Committee for ADARA Publication Policies that was established by the Executive Board in 1985. We have been asked to serve as Editors for the October, 1987 and January, 1988 issues of the JRD. This interim assignment is designed to allow for a transition period during which: (1) the printing of the JRD will be relocated to Little Rock so as to be physically accessible to the Home Office Staff, (2) the Executive Board will appoint a new JRD Editor effective January, 1988, and (3) the newly appointed JRD Editor will assemble an editorial team comprised of: (a) two Associate Editors, (b) an Editorial Board, and (c) Assistant Editorial Board. The reorganized editorial team will begin its term with publication of the April, 1988 issue of JRD. A primary objective of this reorganization is to centralize the management and production of the JRD and related ADARA publications (e.g., ADARA Newsletter and Monographs) and to more actively recruit and stimulate interested members to serve on the editorial boards of our various publications.

Our task is to assure that the high standards of JRD are maintained intact during the interim transition period. We trust that the membership will work with us, the ADARA Board, and the reorganized editorial team to ensure that JRD continues to serve as a beacon of leadership to our profession in the months and years ahead.

Editors,
Douglas Watson, Myra Taff-Watson,
Glenn Anderson, Gregory Long

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR EMERITUS

I am sure that even the casual reader has noticed a marked change in the JOURNAL. If one were to look a bit further, one would also notice there is quite a change in personnel. The former Editor, is now the Editor Emeritus. It is as the Editor Emeritus that I wish to say a few words.

We are now into Volume 21 of the JOURNAL, which means that it has been published for more than twenty years. For about nineteen of those years, I was the Editor. Roger Falberg was the very first Editor and he is the person who got the JOURNAL started. He has since continued to serve the JOURNAL as one of the reviewers, so he has a very long history of association with it.

I am very pleased that the JOURNAL is taking a new direction. That is, that the JOURNAL will be expanding its format in an effort to be even more attractive than it was during my tenure. The main factor in making the JOURNAL attractive, I believe, was its ability to relate to the field in terms of practice and practicality. It was my policy, approved by the ADARA Board, to require all articles to be relevant to the practitioner. We felt that we did not want the JOURNAL to become what so many journals seem to become – a means for researchers to talk to other researchers without regard for the professional practitioner. I think we held to that policy pretty well and I am pleased we were able to do so.

But it is not my purpose to reflect on the past, but simply to express to the readership and ADARA my thanks for the support I received as Editor through the years, to express my appreciation to the reviewers who read so many manuscripts and recommended whether they should be published, revised, or whatever, and, finally, to express my appreciation to ADARA for according me the status of Editor Emeritus. I shall enjoy seeing that in each issue and shall assume it to be a license to comment to the editorial staff about matters associated with the JOURNAL.

With this, I bid farewell to my role as Editor of the JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION OF THE DEAF and wish the new staff all good success.

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